IN MEMORIAM

of

JANICE BADDIE-NASH

Sunrise — March 31, 1947

Sunset — November 10, 2011

November 17, 2011
12:00 PM
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
Reverend James R. Spearman, Officiant

OBITUARY

Janice Faye Baddie was the sixth of eight children born to Oreno and Leatrice Baddie. Originally from Minden, Louisiana the couple and their first five children relocated to Richmond, California in 1944. On March 31, 1947 in Martinez, California, Janice and her twin brother, Jimmy joined the family. It was then that Janice began to illuminate the world with her swift intelligence, countless talents and undying spirit.

A resident of Richmond her entire life, Janice received her formal education in the Richmond Unified School District. As a Harry Ells high school student, Janice had towering visibility through her involvement in clubs and sports, most notably the Pom Pom team and choir. After graduating in 1965, she went on to attend Contra Costa College and soon after entered the workforce.

In 1968 Janice met and eventually married her husband of 41 years, Emerson D. Nash. To this union three children were born: Darian, Ryan and Courtney Nash. In her professional life, Janice went on to forge a notable corporate career; suitably distinguished by her time at *Genstar,* and her eleven year stint as a legal secretary for the prominent law firm, *Nossamon, Guthner, Knox and Elliot.* When her tenure at *Nossamon* ended Janice ventured into business ownership and opened, *Metamorphosis*, a clothing consignment shop.

Janice was a prolific vocalist and performer whose professional performance career expanded over several decades; and who continued to sing until her last breath. She first began sharing her vocal gifts as a child in the Pilgrim Rest choir, and in her later years joined talent with Willie Allums, Esther (Whitaker) Polk and Bonnie (Littleberry) Dismuke to form the *Spiritualettes* – a group that acquired recognition for the recording "My Jesus Saves". Janice sang with the Spiritualettes for many years before forming a self-titled band with Herbie Sailcat and John Goodwin in 1974.

Janice, a lifelong member of Pilgrim Rest, accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She departed this life on November 10, 2011. Preceding her in death were her parents Oreno and Leatrice Baddie, and her sisters, Carol Diane Baddie, Gloria Preston and Billie Merritt.

Those left to cherish Janice's memory are her husband Emerson Nash; children Darian Nash, Ryan Nash and Courtney Torres; daughter-in-law Tiffiny Nash; son-in-law DeJuan Torres; grandchildren LaJannette, Darian, Jeremiah, Elijah and Micah Nash, and Camryn, Mychael and DeJuan Torres, II; her sisters Delthia Baddie and Marian Beacham; her brothers Oreno Baddie, Jr. and Jimmy Baddie; life-long friends Esther Polk, Bonnie Dismuke and Cathy Norton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family.

ORDER OF SERVICE

VIEWING .....

WORSHIP in MUSIC
Going Up Yonder .....Miss Camryn Torres and Pilgrim Rest Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 40:28-31 ..... Reverend Larry Lowe

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
John 14:1-6 ..... Reverend Eric Morris

PRAYER..... Reverend Ryan Nash

WORSHIP in MUSIC
Order My Steps..... Pilgrim Rest Choir

REMEMBERANCES ..... Sister Cathy Norton
..... Sister Bonnie Dismuke
..... Reverend Leon Emerson
..... Reverend Ryan Nash
..... Pulpit Guests

CARDS and RESOLUTIONS..... Sister Rhonda Lowe

WORSHIP in MUSIC
Never Could Have Made It..... Sister Sheila Morris

WORSHIP in WORD .....Pastor James R. Spearman

CALL to DISCIPLESHIP ..... Pastor James R. Spearman

PRAYER ..... Reverend Romel Jackson

VIEWING
O' How Precious ..... Sister Julia Forte and Pilgrim Rest Choir

CLOSING of CASKET ..... Fuller Funerals Staff

RECESSIONAL .....

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Repast
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

Slow Dance

Poem written by a teenager diagnosed with cancer

Time is short.
The music won't last.
Have you ever watched kids
On a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a
butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the
fading night?

You better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
The music won't last.

Do you run
through each day on the fly?
When you ask, "How are you?"
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done,
do you lie in your bed
with the next hundred chores
running through your head?

You'd better slow down
don't dance so fast.
Ever told your child,
"We'll do it tomorrow?"
And in your haste,
not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch,
let a good friendship die?
Cause you never had time
to call and say, 'Hi'?

You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short,
the music won't last.

When you run so fast to get
somewhere
you miss half the fun of
getting there.

When you worry and hurry
through your day,
it is like an unopened gift...
thrown away.

Life is not a race.
Do take it slower.
Hear the music (dance)
before the song is over.

Title and Author Unknown

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue."
"Hush, child," He said,
"they're all in shock.

No one thought they'd be seeing you."

JUDGE NOT!!

Pall Bearers

Brother Tarmaine Bush
Brother JC Farr, III
Brother Desmond Preston
Brother Brandon Preston
Brother David Wilson
Brother Paul Wilson

Honorary Pall Bearers

Brother John Akins
Brother Michael Cannon
Brother Gary Lewis, Jr.
Brother Khary Johnson
Brother Willie Erick Preston
Brother Philip Wilson

The family of Janice Baddie-Nash gratefully acknowledges and thanks each of you for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement.

The Family of Janice Baddie-Nash